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CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, OAKLAND DIVISION**

In re

CHAPTER 7

JEFFREY J. HUSTON

CASE NO. 14-44951 WJL

**AMENDED APPLICATION FOR
ORDER AUTHORIZING TRUSTEE
TO EMPLOY AUCTIONEERS**

Debtor(s)/

TO: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. LAFFERTY, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY
JUDGE

SARAH LAMPI LITTLE, the Chapter 7 Trustee, respectfully represents:

1. Applicant is the trustee in this bankruptcy case.
2. Among the property of the bankruptcy estate is a wine collection consisting of approximately 860 bottles of wine.
3. Applicant is in need of the services of West Auctions, Inc., P.O. Box 278, Woodland, CA 95776-0278, Telephone number (800) 490-9378 ("Auctioneers") to auction the estate's right, title and interest in the wine collection.
4. Applicant desires to employ Auctioneers to conduct the sale of the wine. Auctioneers will collect all state sales tax, prepare all sales tax reports, and make payment to the California State Board of Equalization. The auction will be widely advertised. Auctioneers will charge 15% commission, which will constitute compensation for conducting the auction and be deducted from the proceeds of sale. Additionally, the bankruptcy estate will reimburse

1 Auctioneers for its reasonable expenses for advertising and other expenses associated with
2 conducting the auction, including but not limited to, moving the wine from the Debtor's
3 residence, climate controlled storage and fees for a temporary liquor license, in a sum not to
4 exceed \$2,900.00.

5 5. Applicant believes that it is in the best interests of creditors and the estate to sell the wine at
6 auction. Applicant also believes that the commission to Auctioneers is fair and the expenses
7 are reasonable.

8 6. Applicant is informed and believes that Auctioneers are a disinterested person and do not
9 hold or represent any interest adverse to the estate, and to the best of its knowledge,
10 Auctioneers have no connections with the Debtor, creditors, any other party-in-interest, their
11 respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any personal employed in
12 the Office of the United States Trustee.

13 7. Auctioneers are bonded with the State of California and have conducted numerous auctions
14 for bankruptcy trustees in the San Francisco Bay Area.

15 8. This Application is supported by the declaration of Dennis West.

16 WHEREFORE, Applicant prays for an order authorizing the employment of West Auctions, Inc. to
17 act as auctioneer to auction the wine, and for such other relief as may be appropriate.

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19 Dated: May 4, 2015

_____/s/SARAH LITTLE_____

20 Sarah L. Little, Trustee
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